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MINISTER EXPLAINS RE "NET WORTH" WITHDRAWAL

INCOME TAX FORM DECISION IS SET FORTH IN HOUSE

Authority to Make Contracts for
Export of Foods and Maintain
Boards Extended

IMPORTANT FIGURES

Such Contracts When Made "Absolutely Closed re Price and Quantities," Gardiner Explains

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, April 1st.—Before the adjournment for the Easter recess several subjects of importance to farmers were discussed in Parliament, and action taken upon them. One of these was the statement by Dr. J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, on the farmer's income tax return, over which there has been considerable controversy, and which has evoked protests. Dr. McCann reported that the Government has decided (1) that farmers reporting their income for 1947 on a cash basis need not complete the farmer's net worth statement section of the return, though it may be necessary after filing in some cases to get a statement of assets and liabilities to make a proper assessment of income; (2) those farmers reporting on an accrual basis must attach statement of assets and liabilities as heretofore, or complete the appropriate parts of the net worth statement attached to the return.

Explains Decision

In explanation of the decision, the Minister stated that it is to the farmer's own interest as a citizen and a taxpayer "to provide accurate and complete information of his activities so that he can be dealt with in the same way as every other citizen of the country." The guide books should be a definite help to the farmers, the Minister indicated. Many farmers do not maintain bookkeeping records of their affairs, and in many cases it has been necessary for the assessors to assist the farmer in making out statements of assets and liabilities. The statement of net worth, it has been pointed out to the Minister, is too complex, and the average farmer will find it impossible to complete it without assistance. It would of course be impossible, except at great cost, to increase the staff to the point where so many farmers are assisted by employees of the Department. This would of course be impracticable.

Flaxseed Ceiling Removed

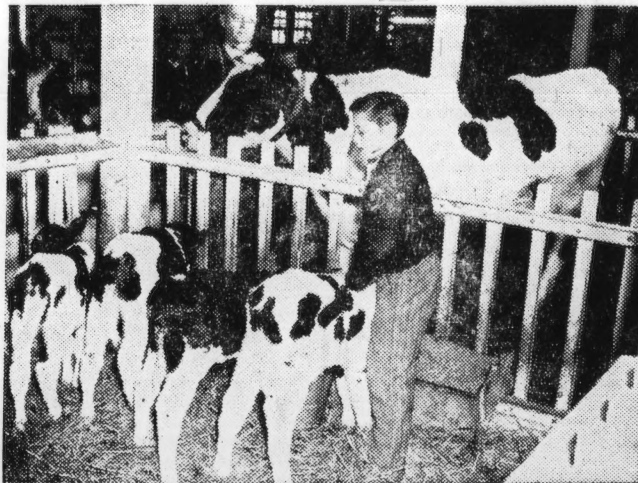
A statement has been issued in the Commons on the price of flaxseed for the coming fiscal year. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. C. D. Howe, said the Government had been advised that a somewhat smaller acreage of flax than last year would fill domestic requirements, and that the market position in the world of

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Britain is now exporting more cars than ever before in the fifty-year history of the motor industry of the country.

Assist Co-ops. in Nine Countries

First Quadruplets All Same Sex in Canada



Seen above is what is believed to be the first set of normal quadruplet Holstein calves all of the same sex born in Canada. Mother of the four heifers is the pure-bred cow May Pontiac Rag Apple Peg. Her owner, A'vin Schmidt, of Milverton, Ont., and his ten-year-old son Clare are admiring the quads.

Technical Aid in Restoration Food Production Goes On

FAO Field Program Continues With Half Million UNRRA Residual Funds

LONDON, Eng.—As a result of the receipt of \$500,000 which has been received from residual UNRRA funds the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will be in a position to continue through 1948 the FAO field service program for nine countries which formerly received UNRRA assistance. This announcement has just been made, and the program is now being carried into effect. UNRRA of course has been wound up.

The purpose of the program is to lend technical aid in order to help the countries concerned to restore and expand their production of food and agricultural products.

New Seed Varieties from Saskatchewan

An example of this type of work being carried out by FAO is the assistance given to former UNRRA countries in the introduction of new varieties of seed. Thus three varieties of hybrid sunflower seed were sent to Poland in response to interest in developing sunflower seed with greater oil content; these samples were obtained from the Saskatchewan agricultural experimental station in Canada. Pecan seed is being obtained for China in exchange for chestnut-tree seed resistant to blight which was sent to Italy. Other seeds are supplied to Hungary, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

A three-month training course in agricultural statistics will be held shortly by FAO at Cairo for qualified officers of Middle Eastern Govern-

Britain and U.S.A. Spend \$1 Billion in 28 Months, for Food for Zones in Germany

By GEORGE MARTIN

LONDON, Eng.—The assistance given to the Anglo-American Zone in Germany to overcome the food difficulties is shown by the fact that a grand total of \$1,360 million was spent by the British and American Military Governments during the 28 months from August, 1945, to November, 1947, on imports into the two zones, according to recently released statements. Of this figure, \$1,035 million (over £250 million) consisted of food imports paid for from appropriated funds provided in equal shares by the British and American taxpayers.

ments, organized by FAO at Cairo, to discuss matters of broad policy affecting the agricultural economy of the Middle East and to examine plans for detailed work.

Deputy Is Appointed

The activities of the Food and Agriculture Organization have expanded through the setting up of the World Food Council and the development of regional work throughout the world. This has made necessary the creation of the post of Deputy Director-General, to which Mr. Noble Clark, of the University of Wisconsin, United States, has been appointed. Mr. Clark gained first-hand knowledge of the activities of FAO when last year he acted as chairman of the FAO-Mission to Poland; the preliminary report of this Mission was published in December.

FREEDOM FUND OF U.S. CO-OPERATIVES HAS DUAL PURPOSE

To Bring Relief to Co-operators
Overseas and Aid Rehabilitation
of Co-operatives

"CARE" MAIN PROJECT

Over \$35,000,000 of Food and
Textile Packages Shipped to
Fifteen Countries

NEW YORK, March 29th.—Assistance to co-operatives in nine countries, by the Freedom Fund set up by American co-operatives in 1944, is described in a report recently published here. The type of help given ranged from sleeping bags for children's co-operative health camps in France, to food trucks for Austrian and French consumer co-operatives.

The Fund was established with the double purpose of bringing relief to co-operators overseas and of aiding in the rehabilitation of co-operatives abroad. Nearly \$100,000 was raised by subscriptions from individuals and from local and regional co-operatives.

Most Fruitful Investment

Perhaps the most fruitful investment of the Freedom Fund was in the organization of Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe—better known as CARE. In two years, CARE has shipped over \$35,000,000 of food and textile packages to fifteen European countries. Contents of these packages, which have brought hope and cheer to many thousands of war-weary people, include Co-op flour, dried milk and raisins.

This year, the Fund has joined forces with other organizations in supporting the United Nations Appeal for Children (in Canada the Canadian Appeal for Children).

Many Other Projects

Other projects carried out by the fund include the provision of scholarships to students from France, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Scotland, Australia, China, Sweden and Poland, to study co-operation in the U.S., especially in the field of petroleum products; purchase of paper from Finnish co-ops to be used in educational work by German co-ops; shipment of seeds to Polish co-ops from the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative; sending of \$10,000 worth of tires to French and Austrian co-ops; sending of purebred rams and ewes, supplied by the Ohio Wool Growers Co-op to Yugoslavia; sending of motion picture projectors, films and literature to the Netherlands, Finland and Czechoslovakia; and purchase of metals to be used in making scales for Austrian co-ops and sewing machines and other equipment for textile co-ops.

Co-operatives in the U.S. are taking part in experiments to find better ways of preparation of wool for market.

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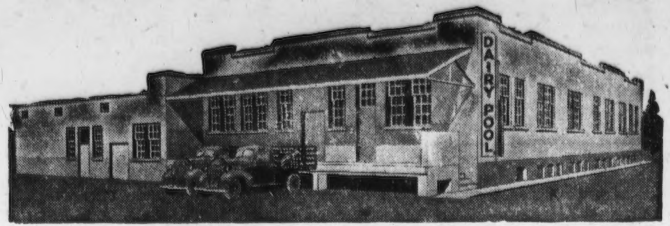
7. It provides a close check on those doing the milking, where the farmer has to rely on hired help.

8. Keeping records of milk and butterfat production naturally leads to records of feed costs and general costs of production, thereby developing a business outlook of the milk or cream shipper.

OVER TARGET

Rice is the staple food of 60 per cent of India's 400,000,000 population, and the remaining 40 per cent depend upon wheat, millet, and other grains. The British steel industry, though badly hampered early in the year by fuel difficulties, not only reached the 1947 target of 12 1/2 million tons, but exceeded it by 250,000 tons.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



Twenty Years of Free Enterprise

By Col. J. McK. HUGHES

NOTE: In this article, Col. John Hughes, Flatbush, Secretary of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool since its inception, expresses to perfection the difference between Free Enterprise as most of us understand it, and the bogus "Free Enterprise" which monopolists in the world of big business try to convince us is the genuine article which all of us desire so much. I appreciate very much indeed Col. Hughes' kind references to myself. The warmth of the friendship that has existed between John Hughes and me has been a sustaining force to me at all times. No-one can ever have had a more loyal colleague to work with.

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

WELL I remember driving home from Olds, one day when we had been attending a co-operative conference. Among those in the car was Dave Smeaton of the Co-operative Wholesale. Dave has gone to his rest, but I am sure that many of you remember with pleasure listening to Dave, while in his rich Scotch burr he held forth on his one great theme in life—CO-OPERATION. One of us in the car used the term Free Enterprise. Dave at once took this up and expressed his view that the only true Free Enterprise is the co-operative way of business and life.

You of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool have had near onto 20 years of Free Enterprise. Of your own free will and accord, you have built up a splendid organization, helping yourselves and helping all others in the dairy business, whether they belonged to the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool or not.

Watched Progress with Satisfaction

We of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool have been closely linked to your Southern Pool, both through management and friendship among our Boards of Directors. We have known intimately about your trials and tribulations, and have helped where we could, and have watched with satisfaction to see you overcome those troubles and step up among the large, successful co-operatives of Alberta.

I personally have taken keen interest in the Southern Pool, to a large extent due to my personal friendship with your President, William Burns. I believe Billy Burns and myself are the only Directors still on the active list who had to do with formulating the policies of our Pools back in 1928. No-one knows better than myself of the amount of labor, thought and truly earnest prayer that your President has given to

the building of your co-operative. Your President and I disagree on many things, but on one point we have always agreed; that is, that the Co-operative Way of Life will eventually solve the problems of mankind.

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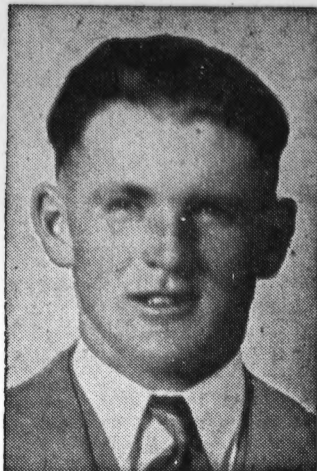
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OTTAWA LETTER

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oil bearing seeds was easing off. There were definite possibilities that there would no longer be the serious shortage of recent years. With this in view, the Government would support flax prices if they dropped to \$4.00 a bushel (for top grades delivered Fort William). At the same time the ceiling price on flax would be removed, and there would be free competitive trading above the floor price.

Extend Agricultural Products Act

The Agricultural Products Act, which gives the Government the authority to make contracts for the export of foods and to maintain commodity boards to look after the filling of these contracts, has been extended through the 1948-49 fiscal year. During the discussion of this Act in the House of Commons, British Government figures were produced to show that during 1947 wheat from Canada represented 81.9 per cent of the total imports into Britain, wheat flour 75.9 per cent, oats 92.9 per cent, bacon 74.4 per cent, beet 2.9 per cent, cheese 11.9 per cent, poultry 18.2 per cent, shell eggs 47.8 per cent, potatoes, 43.7 per cent, and apples 43.8 per cent.

These percentages indicate pretty clearly, particularly in the case of wheat and bacon, not only that Canada maintains its position in the British market in these commodities, but also that Britain is dependent largely on the Canadian farmer for these basic foods. It is also at the same time of interest to note that—these are Canadian figures—the bacon export in 1946 to Britain was 277,992,000 lbs., representing 33.7 per cent of Canadian production, and in

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Purchase of 100 oil wells in Oklahoma was announced recently by Midland Co-operative Wholesale. It is believed that Midland will now be able to operate its refinery at Cushing, Oklahoma, at capacity—5,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

1947 was 229,703,000 lbs., representing 26.2 per cent. During January and February of 1948 the exports of both bacon and beef to Britain have risen above contract figures, but as the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, told the House, the British have taken this increased amount of bacon and beef, and have arranged for the method of payment.

Can't Overlook Britain's Difficulties

Under no circumstances can the difficulties faced by the British at this time, with the shortage of U.S. dollars, be overlooked. It is a major factor in their whole financial and economic policy. At the same time, the British have a well established reputation for living up to their contracts. Mr. Gardiner stated in the House: "When they run into difficulties (over the exchange question) they come back to us and discuss the question. What I want to impress upon the House, and particularly upon the farmers, is that that contract is an absolutely closed contract, both with regard to price and with regard to quantities."

Within the next few months the Department of Agriculture will be losing the services of a number of leading and valuable officials, whom in many cases it will be difficult to replace. They are retiring as they are reaching the statutory age limit, and because of their technical knowledge and wide experience they will unquestionably be missed. Naturally successors will be found, even though the two wars to some extent threw out of kilter the continuity of enlistment of training in some departmental services.

Some of Retiring Officials

Following the retirement of Dr. Newman a few weeks ago, there is J. M. McCallum, Assistant Director of the Livestock and Poultry Division of the Production Service, now about to go. During the war years, as member of the Agricultural Supplies Board, he rendered great service in livestock production, so vitally important, particularly at that time. He is recognized at the first authority on horses in the Dominion.

In August the Director of Production Service, R. S. Hamer, will reach the age limit; so also in the same month will J. S. Singleton, head of the Dairy Production Service. In June the Deputy Minister, Dr. Barton, will reach the age of retirement. So also will Fred James, the Director of Publicity of the Department, who for many years has been gathering, editing, producing and distributing information from all branches of the Department which he believes will be of assistance to the farmers of the Dominion. Within the next two or three years such well known figures as Dr. Archibald of the Experimental Farms, and Dr. A. M. Shaw, Director of Marketing Service, will feel the inexorable operation of the age limit provision of the civil service regulations.

Wheat Board Initial Payment

On April 1st the Wheat Board increased its initial payment from \$1.35 to \$1.55 per bushel, basis Number One Northern, Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver. The increase of 20 cents will be the same on all grades, and will be retroactive on wheat delivered to the Board from the 1945 to 1947 crops, up to April 1st, 1948. Distribution of payments will begin at once.

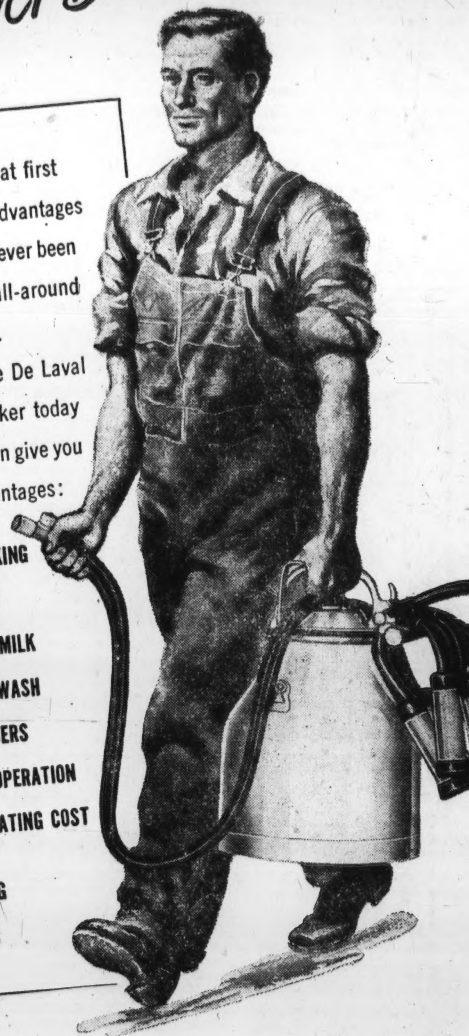
A scheme was published recently by the British Forestry Commission for the management of forests and woodlands for the benefit of the nation. Owners can get financial assistance in expenditures in return for maintaining their plantations in such a way as to make the largest possible contribution to the country's timber supplies.

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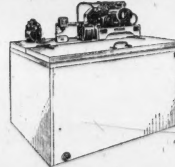


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BIG BOOST IN FARM COSTS

These lines are written shortly after the publication of the order of the Board of Transport Commissioners authorizing across-the-board increases in freight rates. One thing is quite clear—the order will bring further large increases in the already high costs of agricultural production, involving a reconsideration all along the line of the subject of prices of farm products.

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ORGANIZATION BRINGS RESULTS AGAIN

The value to the farm people of their primary organizations and Provincial and Dominion Federations is not measurable entirely in terms of particular achievements.

Perhaps the greatest service which these bodies have rendered to the farmers and farm women who control them has been the elevation of the status of the primary industry. The industry has gained in dignity and in prestige, in influence and in the extent of public recognition of its claims, as a result of the work of its various organizations. From this increased prestige and influence many benefits have accrued, not all of which can be set down in detail.

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Frequently, however, it is possible to point to specific results, as we have done in these columns on many occasions. One of the most recent and striking evidences of the value of organization was provided last week when, as a result of action taken by the National and Provincial Federations, and especially of the backing received from large farmers' protest meetings held at many points, the Ottawa Government acted quickly to withdraw the "net worth" statement which all farmers had been required to file with their income tax returns.

The Minister of the Crown concerned, Dr. McCann, recognized when his attention had been called to the matter, that the farmers' demands were just and based in common sense. Had there been no Dominion-wide organization of farmers to bring the matter to his attention, however, it is possible that it might have gone by default—not by reason of any desire on the Minister's part to be unjust, but because no Minister can be thoroughly familiar with all departmental details.

In calling his attention to the need for reconsideration of this part of the regulations and for certain other changes which are considered desirable, the Federation did a service alike to the farmers, to Dr. McCann, the Minister in charge of the Department of National Revenue, and to the Government of the day by enabling it to correct a blunder in the field of administration.

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WE'RE FOR HOWARD K. SMITH

When the CBS commentator in London, Howard K. Smith, expressed the opinion on the air last Sunday that in spite of all the signs of tension and the angry words that daily penetrate the metaphorical curtain from both sides, war is not at present in the offing, we were ready to accept his judgment in the matter.

We were ready to do so for two reasons among others.

In the first place, Mr. Smith is a competent unofficial person who has spent more than a decade as a foreign correspondent, without yielding, or so it seems to us, to the temptation to make his news commentaries more sensational than the facts would warrant.

ABDICATION

Somewhere a turning taken unobserved

Upon a pleasant path has set my feet.

The gods of custom I so humbly served

No longer my subservience entreat.

The yearning for possession of mere things,

The urge to petty triumph, both are fled.

Ambition, disregarded, folds its wings,

And routine's galling bonds are lightly shed.

So this is age—to wander in the sun,

And see at last the beauty of the earth,

Or, unremorseful for the tasks undone,

Sit idly dreaming by a quiet hearth;

To live from hour to hour, the spirit free

Of all concern for things that still shall be.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

In the second place, whether history prove Mr. Smith to have been correct in his judgment or otherwise, neither the peace of mind of the individual nor the cause of world peace can be served by our succumbing to chronic anxiety.

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There is not much that many of us can do at this time to keep things steady—except to resolve that we will not be carried away by hysteria or panic, but that on the contrary we will endeavor calmly to consider and to weigh such evidence as we may be able to obtain from objective writers and commentators whose records are a guarantee of their honesty.

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GOOD NEWS

One bit of good news comes over the wires as we go to press. It is the announcement by Malcolm MacDonald, who should be in a position to know, that as a result of her granting of freedom to India, Great Britain's prestige stands higher today in Asia than it has ever stood before.

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GHOST WRITING OVERDONE

We have come to be suspicious of much of the ghost writing that is published today, particularly ghost writing about international affairs.

If an exile is willing to be quoted upon the issues of the day, concerning his own or other countries, we like to be able to read his own authentic words (in translation); for his evidence may assist us greatly in our effort to form sound judgments.

But when a story under the name of an Eastern European, for example, (we're not thinking of the Czechs, who are largely "Western" in their thinking) appears in the best American journalistic style, and the opinions and sentiments to which expression is given have a decidedly North American coloring, we cannot feel sure that we can gain much by reading it.

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PUBLISH THE LOT

Both the *Saturday Evening Post* and Walter Lippmann have called attention to the prevalent tendency on the part of some public authorities—not confined to one side of the curtain—to build up a case for one position or another by careful selection of the evidence.

For instance, as these commentators have made clear, the U.S. State Department was hardly fair to its own public when it published one set of documents relating to the diplomatic history of the war

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Farmers in the United Kingdom have experienced

SEVEN YEARS OF GOVERNMENT FATSTOCK BUYING

By JOHN MANOR

LONDON, Eng.—Since January, 1940, the Government, or to be precise, the Ministry of Food, has bought all the fatstock produced on British farms. Fat cattle, sheep and calves are presented after due notice at collecting centres all over the country, where agents of the Ministry of Food grade them according to quality and degree of fatness, or finish.

In other words, the panel of graders which is representative of both buyers and producers, has to classify the stock and then to estimate what percentage of the live weight of each animal will

the tonnage I have quoted and, at present prices, I estimate that the monetary turnover is of the order of £100 million per annum. The responsibilities of the graders, both as



Cattle Clearing Station at Dunstable, Bedfordshire

be recoverable as edible meat. Prices per hundredweight or per pound live weight for each class of stock are fixed annually in advance and, in the case of fat cattle, prices are scaled within each category according to the estimated killing out percentages so as to encourage marketing of well-fattened stock at economic weights.

Stock which has to be slaughtered because of accident or other reason is in a different category. It may be despatched to the slaughterhouse at short notice and is paid for at a fixed price per pound of actual dressed carcass weight.

Equitable Distribution of Meat

The whole scheme is designed to ensure equitable distribution of meat to the consuming public. In 1946, for instance, the volume of home-killed meat was 278,000 tons below pre-war. Unless the Ministry of Food took control of all meat at the earliest possible stage, much of this scarce commodity surely would find its way on to the black market at prices which the average household could never afford to pay.

As it is, to maintain the meagre weekly ration of one shilling's worth per head, Britain's Government has to buy from overseas nearly 900,000 tons of meat, often at prices which mean loss when resold to the consumer. Home-killed supplies are a little under

regards finance and feeding the public are, therefore, considerable.

Although there have been periods of criticism from farmers as to the fairness of grading, it is highly creditable that supplies of stock have never been withheld. The graders are paid only a nominal fee to cover out-of-pocket expenses and there are no rewards for accurate judgment.

Figures Reveal Grading Accuracy

How well they have done their work is shown by the detailed results which have been published recently for the first time since Government buying began, printed in the table at the foot of this page.

The table of percentages is based on the relation between the estimated and the actual dead weights of each class of animal over the whole year.

To explain the figures, it may be assumed that the average carcass weight of a cattle beast is 600 pounds, of a veal calf 60 pounds and of a sheep 50 pounds. A return of 99 per cent on the grading of cattle means that whereas in the average case the graders estimated the weight at 600 pounds, the return was one per cent less, i.e. 594 pounds.

Average Error per Head Slight

Since the overall figure for cattle came out over the whole period at 99.33, the graders over-estimated

Total Grading Percentages From End of June, 1940 to 1947

1940 to	Cattle	Millions	Calves	Millions	Sheep	Millions
28/6/1941	99.19	1.4	100.44	0.5	98.99	8.5
26/6/1942	99.51	1.1	100.21	0.5	99.36	6.8
26/6/1943	99.49	1.4	100.79	0.6	99.39	7.6
24/6/1944	99.56	1.3	100.68	0.7	99.16	6.7
23/6/1945	99.20	1.3	101.03	0.7	98.70	6.3
22/6/1946	99.28	1.4	100.71	0.7	98.77	6.0
21/6/1947	99.08	1.5	100.74	0.7	98.66	6.4

throughout the whole period under review by approximately four pounds per head.

Veal Calves Under-estimated

On a similar basis it can be seen that the veal calves have been under-estimated by about four ounces per head, and the sheep over-estimated by half-a-pound per head. There would appear to be little difference in the accuracy of the grading in the various classes.

It will be noted that in each class a difference of one grade on the average would have made an error in the opposite direction. If all the cattle had been graded one grade lower, the Ministry would have received more meat than the presumed minimum carcass weight; an overall difference of one pound in the grading returns for veal calves and sheep would similarly have turned the balance.

The overall figures necessarily obscure the difference in the returns from various centres and individual animals.

The column "Millions" shows the number of animals of each class graded in each year to the nearest 100,000. This figure is not complete, since

returns which do not come in immediately are not included.

Other Problems for Graders

Commenting on these figures, the Chief Livestock Inspector remarked how difficult it always is to estimate the killing out percentage of cows as opposed to steers and maiden heifers. Another problem has been in connection with cattle presented with over-full stomachs. This serves as ballast when they are being weighed and since payment is according to live weight, graders have to counteract it by putting such cattle in a lower grade than would be the case if they had been fasted, or were only moderately full.

As yet there is no indication of United Kingdom meat supplies returning to anything near normal, so that Government buying is likely to continue. The principle of farm prices fixed in advance is well established in long-term plans, and it may be that the pre-war system of selling fatstock to the highest bidder at auction will never return. To consign the animals to a grading centre, knowing within limits beforehand what return will be made, is certainly a saving of time, labor, and possibly argument, for the stock feeder.

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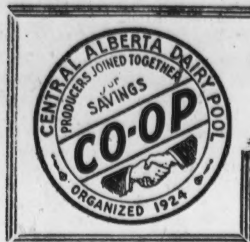
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- (3) Cows tend slightly to increase their test from year to year until they reach maturity and then decline.
- (4) The strappings test higher and failing to completely milk the cow will reduce the test.
- (5) When first turned to pasture, cows tend to test higher for a short time.
- (6) Exposure to stormy weather and discomforts tends to reduce a cow's test.
- (7) Adding fresh cows to the herd reduces the average test as a rule.
- (8) Sudden changes of feed tend to temporarily affect the test, sometimes raising and sometimes lowering it.
- (9) Irregular milking and feeding tends to cause cows to vary in test as do changes in health, change in milkers, excitement, etc.
- (10) Allowing milk to get warm so that it sours or churns or allowing milk to freeze makes it impossible to get a fair sample test.
- (11) Using milk from low testing cows for use in the house and calf feeding will raise the herd test or vice versa.

Responsible Membership

One of the fundamental principles of the Co-operative Movement is that membership is on an entirely voluntary basis. However, membership in any organization, no matter how voluntary, carries along with its advantages certain obligations.

As a member of your co-operative are you aware of your responsibilities? One of the first of these is that you should be familiar with all departments of your organization so as to make use of every service available when the need for that service arises.

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DEATH OF MRS. J. A. ROSS

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Ada A. Ross, wife of J. Alex Ross, our Board Secretary, in the Camrose Hospital on March 15th. Mrs. Ross had been ill for the last year, but hopes were bright for her complete recovery until the last. Her bright and cheerful disposition and her

willingness in the performance of community work will be sorely missed in the Duhamel community.

Ada A. Johnson was born in Piapot, Saskatchewan, and married J. A. Ross on December 26th, 1918. This union was blessed with two boys and a girl, and to them and Mr. Ross our sincere sympathy is given in their great loss.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Marler Attending Saskatoon Meeting.—A special meeting was held in Saskatoon on March 24th to study various phases of co-operative marketing, including the possibilities of developing co-operative packing plants.

Representatives from the three Prairie Provinces were in attendance. Roy Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and Hugh W. Allen, President of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, were present representing Alberta interests.

The Federation and affiliated organizations have been giving this field careful study for some months past.

Net Worth Statement Deleted.—The contentious Net Worth statement which was included in the 1947 farmers' income tax return has been deleted.

This announcement was made to the press a number of days ago by Dr. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, and Mr. Cotter, Individual Assessments Branch, Department of National Revenue, made the following statement on the Farm Forum program on Monday, March 22nd: "The Minister announced that those farmers who report income based on cash actually received and cash expenses actually paid out during the calendar year would not be required to complete the net worth statement on Page 5 of the new 1947 Farmers' Income Tax Return. Those farmers who report income on an accrual or inventory basis will be required to submit a statement of assets and liabilities as heretofore, or to complete the Net Worth Statement on the Income Tax return." This announcement by the Minister certainly comes as a relief to farmers. They were most indignant about the filing of a Net Worth statement.

The deletion of this section of the form can very definitely be attributed to the strenuous opposition expressed by farmers' meetings throughout the Province which backed up the action of the Federation in demanding its removal.

In dealing with this situation, the Alberta Federation held a special Board meeting in Edmonton on March 16th, as was reported in the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader*. Besides the regular Board members, representatives from most of the major

farm organizations were in attendance. The meeting was unanimous in demanding the removal of this contentious section of the Income Tax form. Then too, the Canadian Federation office met with officials of the Income Tax Department and Cabinet officials urging this adjustment.

The results are not all we had hoped for, in that we wanted the inventory deleted as well. However, the most objectionable feature has been removed.

Farm Forum Program Completed.—The 1947-48 National Farm Radio Forum completed another successful season on March 22nd.

It is interesting to note that the Forum groups in Alberta increased from 34 to 63 during the season. This increase has been made without any active campaign to increase the number. They have all been organized by local people through local initiative.

This interest can be taken as an indication that the program has a very definite place in the scheme of local activities.

Beside the regular programs that are planned ahead of time, special topics were discussed on round-up nights. These included Income Tax, the Oleomargarine question, Daylight Saving Time, Handling of Coarse Grains, and others.

All groups have, through a questionnaire, a chance to express their wishes for next season. These questionnaires are now coming in and the answers will be tabulated for consideration at the Annual Meeting which will be held in Regina on June 14th and 15th.

Forum Group Is Planning Detailed Study of Income Tax Questions, Innisfail

A large crowd attended the closing program of the National Farm Radio Forum at the Little Red Deer school house, near Innisfail, when the Forum program dealt with the farm income tax question. After listening to the broadcast, the chairman, Kit Robinson, introduced J. R. McFall, Provincial Secretary of the Alberta Forums and Federation of Agriculture secretary, and there followed a round table discussion on taxation problems. The outcome of the meeting was that those present plan to use the income tax guide and account book in keeping their 1948 records and at a later date, possibly in June, another meeting will be called at which further assistance will be provided to those taking part. This will be followed by still another meeting at the close of the season to help balance the books and make out income tax returns. The whole venture has been initiated by the Farm Forum group and may prove to be a valuable experiment in assisting farmers to help themselves with this problem.



Stress Importance of Seed Treatment for Disease

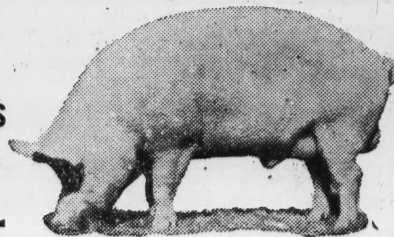
Plant pathologists who attended the recent annual meeting of the Associate Committee on Plant Diseases are quoted by Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a recent bulletin of the Line Elevators Farm Service, as emphasizing the importance of seed treatment in "reducing ever-increasing losses from smut and other seed-borne diseases." Dr. Greaney recommends: (1) All wheat seed should be treated with an appropriate fungicide, unless it has been examined by accepted methods and found to be sound, healthy and free from surface-borne smut. It should be recognized, however, that, even in the absence of smut, seed treatment may be beneficial in protecting the

seed against soil-borne diseases such as pre-emergence blight, seedling blight, and root rot. (2) All seed of oats, barley and flax should be treated with an appropriate fungicide. (3) In the treatment of seed grain, farmers should follow precisely the instructions and directions of the manufacturer.

Farm Land Values Rise

OTTAWA, Ont.—Canadian farm land values, it is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, rose from an average of \$32 per acre in 1946 (for occupied farms) to \$35 last year. British Columbia farm lands are valued at \$75 per acre, Ontario at \$64 and Quebec at \$61; then come the Maritime Provinces, followed by Manitoba \$27, Alberta \$25, and Saskatchewan \$21.

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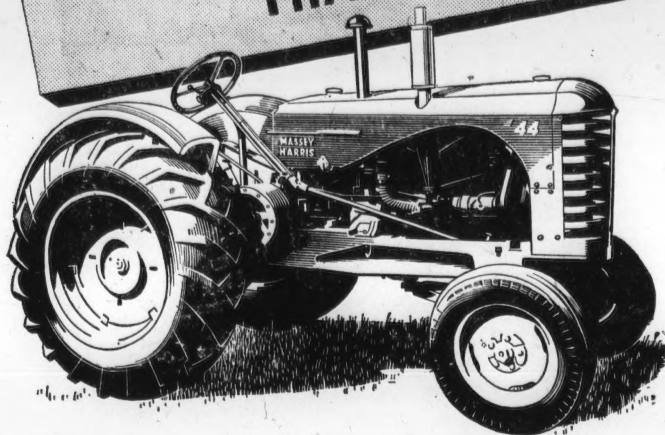
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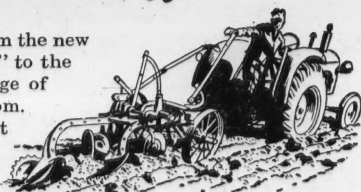


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London Food Letter

BRITAIN'S FOOD IMPORTS IN 1947

By GEORGE MARTIN

LONDON, Eng. — Britain's imports of food, beverages and tobacco totalled £805 million in 1947 as against £637 million in 1946 and £430 million in 1938, it is shown in an official statement just released. As the import cuts designed to save dollar expenditure did not become fully effective during the year, the quantity imported of some foods during the whole of 1947 was higher than in 1946, but nevertheless, the increase in value is mainly due to the rise in world food prices.

Canada Dominates Wheat Imports
Imports of wheat totalled 84 million hundredweight against 67 million hundredweight in 1946 and 102 million hundredweight in 1938. In 1947, by far the largest part came from Canada (69 million hundredweight); the second place was held for the first time by Argentina (nearly eight million hundredweight) and the third by the United States (seven million hundredweight). In addition, 18 million hundredweight of wheat flour were imported against 11 million hundredweight in 1946 and eight million hundredweight in 1938. Canada was the largest supplier, the rest came mainly from the United States and Australia.

Imports of barley were slightly higher than in 1946, but still only about one-ninth of the pre-war quantity. Imports of maize totalled nearly 10 million hundredweight (of which 6,500,000 hundredweight came from Argentina) compared with two million hundredweight in 1946 and 57 million hundredweight in 1938. Imports of beans and peas were still appreciably lower than before World War II.

Imports of animal feeding-stuffs (cereal by-products, oil cakes, meat meal, etc.) totalled 512,000 hundredweight in 1947 compared with 1,900,000 hundredweight before World War II.

Cattle Imports Lower
Imports of cattle for slaughter were even lower in 1947 than in the preceding year. Total meat imports showed a slight increase from 27 million hundredweight in 1946 to 28 million hundredweight in 1947 (as against 31 million hundredweight in 1938). As before World War II and in 1946, Argentina was the largest supplier; in 1947 its share was over one-third. Brazil shipped only 186,000 hundredweight as against 783,000 hundredweight in 1946.

Butter and Eggs Slightly Higher
Butter imports were slightly higher than in 1946, but still less than one-half the pre-war quantity. Cheese imports, though still above pre-war, showed a small decline due to appreciably lower deliveries from Canada. Imports of shell eggs, especially from Canada and Denmark, rose, but still totalled only 116,000 tons compared with 277,000 tons in 1938. Dried egg imports, however, were lower than in the preceding year. Imports of fresh fruit and vegetables were still in quantity one-third below pre-war.

Grain Allocations by Food Council
Twenty-three million long tons of grain were allocated for the period from July 1, 1947, to March 31, 1948, by the International Emergency Food Council. Total export availabilities are put at 23,650,000 tons; this includes 650,000 tons of coarse grains for feed purposes contracted in Argentina and the Soviet Union for shipment during the period. The total of 23 million tons allocated for food purposes comprises 18,800,000 tons of wheat and rye and 4,200,000 tons of coarse grains (maize, barley, oats, grain sorghums and millets). Of the total of all grains available for food purposes, the United States accounts for 11,300,000 tons, Canada for 4,300,000 tons, Argentina for four million tons, Australia for 2,100,000 tons, the Soviet Union for 1,100,000 tons, and miscellaneous suppliers (including Turkey, the Middle East, Yugoslavia and Brazil) for 200,000 tons. The largest allocations are made to Britain (3,925,000 tons), the Anglo-American

Zone in Germany (2,950,000 tons), India (1,850,000 tons) and Italy (1,600,000 tons). These are followed by the French areas, Japan and South Korea, and the areas under British responsibility. Before World War II, Britain was the largest grain importing country, followed by Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands (the last two were largely importers of coarse grains). The present distribution shows the effects of the world food shortage.

Much Satisfaction Results From Part Played, Income Tax

Many Mass Meetings Held Under Auspices of United Farmers of Alberta

Widespread satisfaction has resulted from the part played by the United Farmers of Alberta in the effort to bring the Ottawa income tax authorities to see the unfairness of requiring farmers to make out a "net worth" statement in their declaration of income for the year 1947.

It is many years since farmers were aroused on any issue to the same degree of feeling. At meetings held under the auspices of the U.F.A., filling local halls, even though roads were drifted and the thermometer registered low, indignation ran high. Notable points where addresses were given by George E. Church, president, and W. J. Hoppins and other U.F.A. speakers representing also the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, were Airdrie, Olds, Strathmore and High River.

Meet Income Tax Officials

The U.F.A. Executive met in Calgary on February 27th and 28th and spent some hours with income tax officials discussing the situation. It was felt that the form discriminated against farmers in requiring of them details of their personal affairs not required of other members of the community. A simpler form of income tax had been expected and promised as a result of representations of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, but instead a more complex form had been issued requiring information which few farmers were in a position to give with any appreciable degree of accuracy.

Under the auspices of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, representatives of farm organizations met at Edmonton on March 15th, including most of the larger co-operatives and officers of the U.F.A. and A.F.U., and at the meeting joint action was taken to communicate the attitude of farmers on the subject to Dr. McCann, Minister of Inland Revenue.

The withdrawal of the form is not the end of the situation. It is recognized that income tax is the most equitable form of taxation; but organized agriculture will continue to maintain the principle that there must be no singling out of the farmers for special enquiry into his affairs.

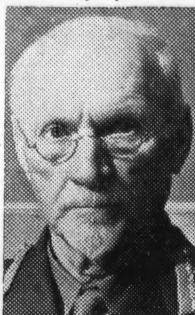
ADD DEPARTMENT

Land o' Lakes Creameries, Minneapolis, Minn., has added a new department to furnish members of the co-operative with nursery stock needed for soil conservation, pasture-re-planning, and gardening.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Mar. 18th.—Approval of E.R.P. by house foreign affairs committee reported from Washington. Truman foreign policy now "threatens life of every human being", charges Wallace. Rome despatch states Italy will not now pay any Russian reparations; government spokesman says such payments would wreck economy, but country is ready to trade with Russia. Representatives of Norway, Sweden, Denmark announce determination to fight aggression from any quarter.

Mar. 19th.—U.S., in about-face on Palestine question, asks UN to reconsider partition plan, State Department believed unwilling to permit Russian troops in Palestine (as suggested for UN force to back up partition). London may call imperial conference to consider inclusion of



SMUTS

Operate Homes and Camps

PARIS, France.—French co-operatives operate seven homes and camps for children of members and non-members. Children from six to sixteen spend periods of from one week to three months at the camps, and as long as necessary at the sanitariums.

British Commonwealth in union of Western Europe. Irene Joliot-Curie, French scientist, after detention for one day, allowed to enter U.S. for limited period. Smuts appeals to great powers to clear up misunderstandings, or may "stumble" into another world war.

Mar. 20th.—Arabs will continue war against Jews in Palestine, says spokesman. British Government declares it will adhere to May 15th as date for withdrawal troops from Palestine. (U.S. reported pressing for postponement to August 15th.) Many congressmen and diplomats regard U.S. change of policy on Palestine as betrayal of UN, says Washington despatch. Marshall declares U.S. has job of preserving civilization. Russians walk out of four-power control council in Berlin.

Mar. 21st.—Greek military court passes death sentences on 52 guerrillas. U.S. will press for admission of Italy into UN, as step in Russian "cold war", believed in Washington. Arabs blow up Jewish co-operative.

Mar. 22nd.—Reason for Russian withdrawal from four-power meeting in Berlin, says Paris newspaper, was refusal of British to reveal details of British-American-French agreement on Germany. U.S. General Clay cancels meetings of sub-committees of four-power control council in Germany, demands Russia call meeting of council. Finnish president promises free election in May. British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan tells UN security council Communist advance must be "dammed back".



CADOGAN

Mar. 23rd.—Rome refuses Yugoslavia's offer to trade Trieste for the Italian city of Gorizia. Panyushkin, Russian ambassador to U.S., charges slander campaign being waged against Russia; says Russia wants peace and international co-operation. Gromyko says U.S. is using "promises and threats" in Italy. UN conference on freedom of information opens in Geneva. Jews in Palestine say Jewish government will be set up May 16th.

Mar. 24th.—Moscow radio charges secret treaty, recently signed, gives U.S. the right to air bases in France. Bitter civil war threatens Palestine, unless UN takes firm stand, Canada's McNaughton tells security council.

Mar. 25th.—U.S. to call truce conference in Palestine. U.S. military leaders ask Congress for military draft. International trade charter, signed at Havana by 52 countries (not including Argentina, Russia, or countries in Russian orbit), U.S. at UN conference on freedom of information proposed in Geneva proposes guarantees of free exchange of information.

Mar. 26th.—Truman moves to stop export of planes, engines and other war material to Russia. Communist speakers in Italian campaign threaten to meet force with force should they win election and be kept out of office. U.S. warns Western Hemisphere countries will have little oil for export in next few years.

Mar. 27th.—Good Friday truce ended, Palestine. Norway accused by *Izvestia* of "selling out to U.S." Tito brands three-power proposal to return Trieste to Italy as election trick.

Mar. 28th.—At least 106 killed in week-end actions, Palestine. About 300,000 "little" Nazis to be exempted from formal trial, announced by General Clay, from Berlin. Communist candidates approved in Romanian

elections, reported; (only one slate presented). Yugoslavs carry on battle manoeuvres within sight of Trieste.

Mar. 29th.—International treaty, to guarantee freedom of press, advanced at Geneva by McNeil, British. Submarines sighted off U.S. coast were not Russian, states Moscow. U.S. Senate approves \$55,000,000 additional emergency aid for France, Italy, Austria.

Mar. 30th.—Jews ration bread in Jerusalem. U.S. House of Representatives votes 149 to 52 to include Spain in foreign-aid program. Czechoslovakia will refuse any demand from

UN to answer charges regarding recent Communist coup, states Prague despatch.

Mar. 31st.—Finnish-Russian agreement believed reached, says Moscow despatch. U.S. Senate to debate inclusion of Spain in E.R.P. In UN, Russia accuses U.S. of ulterior motives (oil and military considerations) in reversal of stand on Palestine.

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LETTER FROM TORONTO

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Farm Women:

As I said the other day, it is some 22 years since I began writing to my fellow farm women, as I thought at that time I was having an opportunity to see and hear what we did not have at home.

I can not but think that there is not the same difference now; the radio and the pictures which we have brought to our different communities have made for the change. Even so, there are many differences which are interesting to note, and I find myself doing so here in Toronto from the first moment I look out the window and see the string of cars; for string it is literally and continually, save for the "light" interval.

Old Style Town House

The house in which I find myself interests me. It is one which has come down in the world very much socially in its location since it was built many, many years ago with its square-headed nails, its fireplace in every room, its impossible old floors and its evident lack of consideration for the convenience of—well not the house wife of that day—but her helper. But the little row of houses makes for a picturesque effect with an old

world appearance. But it sounds rather different from our country homes to hear someone exclaim, "When will those piano scales be finished!" or, "I hope the baby's cry did not disturb the neighbors in the next house."

And what isn't there to see! Before I had been here a few hours I found myself at an exhibition of modern designs in china, in glass, in materials for the home. Each one of you would have enjoyed it, I think, and each one would have coveted this or that. As I looked, I could not but exclaim, "It is easier to be poor in the country than in the city."

Then I felt I could not but go down to see Toronto welcome Barbara Ann Scott. I told the policeman from whom I was enquiring directions that I wanted to see a crowd. "Well, you sure will!" he said. And he was right, for some 59,999 others were in attendance, so the paper said, and very happy and very friendly she looked. It has been given to few girls of her years to receive the acclaim that has been given her.

Alberta Once Again

When I was in Saskatoon at Christmas time, possibly you remember I said I found I had not got away from Alberta as I immediately saw two books by Alberta writers and an art exhibit by Albertans. It seemed rather a co-incidence that here a friend kindly lent me her season ticket to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for the evening. Featuring prominently in the evening's entertainment was the first performance of two numbers by Robert McMullin of Raymond, Alberta. Probably some of you heard the concert over the radio and noted the applause with which the numbers were greeted. Alberta again!

As I sat and watched and listened I could not but wonder at first if seeing Sir Ernest conducting and the members at their various instruments, added or distracted to the pleasure of the music to us who are accustomed to "long distance" enjoyment. And I could not but think what an excellent example of co-operation it was to see these various members of the orchestra take their different instruments, play their different parts all working together, making for the success of the production.

But I hope to have more to tell you later. In the meantime, Easter Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Members brought articles of food to recent meetings of Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A., and packed parcels for England; at the March meeting it was decided to send a CARE parcel instead.

Mrs. Norman F. Priestley was hostess to the Calgary U.F.W.A. recently, when Mrs. N. Pinkerton gave her convention report, and the bulletin on Social Welfare was read and discussed.

Dalemead U.F.W.A. recently voted \$10 to the Canadian Appeal for Children, and members donated tea for an overseas parcel to be distributed to the "over-seventies" who find it impossible to stand in queues, writes Mrs. L. Winters, secretary.

Due to blizzards and bad road conditions, Balzac U.F.W.A. meetings have been very irregular, writes Mrs. W. K. Church, secretary. However, a large crowd was present for the entertainment put on in the Community Hall, and over \$100 was cleared.

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Upside Down Pudding: Pour 2 tbs. melted dripping or butter into a deep baking pan, and sprinkle with 1/2 cup brown sugar, and 1/2 cup chopped raisins or dates. Cover with batter made of 1 egg, 1 cup sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1/4 cup milk; cook in moderate oven 25 minutes.

Sponge Cake: Beat 6 egg yolks until thick and light; add 1 cup sugar and continue beating; add 1 tbs. lemon juice. Beat egg whites until very light, add 1/4 tsp. salt; fold white and yolks together, then fold in gently 1 cup sifted flour. Bake in angel cake pan 1 hour in slow oven.

Bedlam and Bread make a bitter brew, states the Department of National Health and Welfare, who say that, particularly for children, tranquillity must prevail at meals if we want our food to make and keep us fit.

Junior News Items

A skating party, a dance, a card party, a talk by the district agriculturist, and presentation of a show, were sponsored during the late winter by Arrowwood Junior U.F.A.

Prosperous Juniors (Westlock) at a recent meeting voted \$5 to the Save the Children fund and set May 21st as the date for the eliminations in their forthcoming public speaking contest, writes Grace Glen, secretary.

Marianne Juniors (Sylvan Lake) arranged for a public speaking contest recently. They plan to give an entertainment to raise money to send someone to Farm Young People's Week, writes the secretary, Delores Doran.

Alix U.F.W.A. are among those who have sent contributions to the Canadian Appeal for Children. At a recent meeting plans were begun for the annual flower show to be held in August.

Nanton U.F.W.A. recently heard a very interesting lecture by S. S. Sears on "Food Conditions in Europe", and later voted \$50 to the Canadian Appeal for Children, writes Mrs. Margery Armor, secretary.

Aunger U.F.W.A. (Fenn) during last year donated \$30 to Aid for China, \$10 to the Salvation Army, \$1 to the Cancer Fund, \$10 to Relief for Greece, \$10 to the Canadian Institute for the Blind, and spent \$60 on CARE parcels.

Three Hills U.F.W.A. are planning more educational meetings. They have entered the Rural Housing Competition, and decided to take a Nutrition Course. They recently donated \$10 each to the Robert Gardiner fund and the Canadian Appeal for Children.

Scientist Allowed to Stay for Lecture Tour



Mme. Irene Joliot-Curie, Nobel Prize winner, daughter of the famous husband and wife who were the joint discoverers of radium, is seen in conversation with reporters in New York prior to her being sent for detention on Ellis Island because immigration officials feared her entry might be "prejudicial to the best interests of the U.S.", her husband, also a distinguished scientist, being believed to have Communist sympathies. The justice department finally allowed Mme. Curie to proceed with a lecture tour, after which she must leave the U.S. She is lecturing under the auspices of an anti-Fascist organization.

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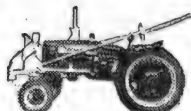
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Recommend Saunders for North and West Alberta

Two new varieties of wheat are being distributed this year, states the Dominion Department of Agriculture; one of them, Saunders, is recommended for northern and western Alberta. It is described as "a hard red, spring wheat which yields with Thatcher, matures very closely with Garnet, and has Marquis quality. It is resistant to stem rust and loose smut and moderately resistant to bunt."

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The attention of the wheat world at the present time is concentrated on two important areas, namely the continent of Europe and the United States winter wheat belt. If the wheat crops in those regions turn out to be good, the acute world shortage of that bread cereal will be eased.

It looks as though Europe is going to have a fairly good crop. The wheat outturn of France alone, according to reports, may reach 300 million bushels, which is double the 1947 crops. The whole European crop last year totalled only a little over a billion bushels as compared with 1½ billion bushels average annual pre-war production.

U.S. Expects Billion Dollar Crop

The United States Department of Agriculture thinks the wheat crop in that country this year will be in excess of a billion bushels. Last year's production was 1.4 billion bushels. The main source of supply there is the great winter wheat area, 58 million seeded acres, which seems to have come through the winter in good shape.

Wheat farmers in the U.S.A. are selling freely now, and the Commodity Credit Corporation, which buys wheat for export, is inundated with offerings. It is said that the United States wheat farmers had some 400 million bushels in store when the slump in wheat prices came; and they are anxious to dispose of holdings before new crop wheat reaches the market in June.

The arrival of April in Western Canada sees plenty of snow on the ground, but a few warm days will soon clear that off. Abundant snowfall provides moisture to give the crop a good start, but it does not insure heavy production. In the 1947 winter the extreme southern part of Alberta had almost record snowfall. Up until the middle of June the crop looked like a record-breaker, but a blazing hot, dry July cut the yield down substantially.

Increased Wheat Acreage Likely

It looks as though prairie farmers will increase their wheat acreage this year at the expense of oats, barley and flax. The new initial wheat price of \$1.55 a bushel, basis 1 northern at the terminal, looks more attractive than the prevailing prices for oats and barley. The floor price of flax has been fixed at \$4 a bushel at the terminal, and the ceiling has been removed. At that price flax is a paying crop, but it requires a weed-free seed bed, unless 2,4-D herbicide is used.

More farm machinery will be available to farmers this year, but the supply is still far from sufficient to meet the demand.

EDITORIAL

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years (concerning Russia and Germany), without publishing other documents equally relevant.

Bevin's remark, when he was asked whether he would arrange for this particular set of documents to be "released" for publication in Britain, was that no matter what any other Government might do, the British Government would not publish historical documents of this sort out of their context.

With what may be the practice on the other side of the curtain we can't have much to do. The Governments on that side can make their own selections—and it is hardly to be expected, if a selection is made, that it will be favorable to the West.

But we have a right to demand that our state departments and other departments of government be candid with us—not seeking to increase our blood pressure by publishing documents which may seem to have

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS Mar. 29th.—With receipts moderate and quality very ordinary, trading was active last week and prices generally steady. Choice steers were mostly from \$15 to \$15.75; choice butcher heifers traded from \$14.50 to \$15, bulk on offer from \$14 down. Choice light cows were from \$11 to \$11.50, and good heavies \$10.50 to \$11. Bulls sold from \$8.50 to \$10.50. Good to choice handyweight veal calves were \$14 to \$15, heavy and common kinds \$9 to \$14. Grade A hogs for shipment were \$28, at plants \$27; sows liveweight \$14. Good to choice handyweight lambs were \$15 to \$16.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 31st.—Prices are generally steady; with the road bans, receipts are light. Grade A hogs have been \$27.25 for the past week but yesterday advanced to \$27.35; sows \$14.25 liveweight. Good lambs are \$15.50 to \$16.50, good ewes \$5.50 to \$6. Good to choice butcher steers are \$15 to \$16, down to \$12.50 for common; heifers, \$14.25 to \$15, down to \$11; cows, \$11 to \$11.50, down to \$8.50, canners and cutters \$5.50 to \$8; bulls, \$10 to \$10.75; down to \$8.50 for common. Good to choice veal calves, \$13.50 to \$15.50, down to \$10 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$12.50 to \$13.50, down to \$11.

The Dairy Market

Ceiling prices prevail throughout, in butter and butterfat prices. Butter is 67 cents, locally, special grade cream is 69 cents, with deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation is 30 cents).

Twenty-one per Cent Hoist in Freight Rates

Twenty-one per cent increase in freight rates across the board was authorized to Canadian railways in a decision handed down by the Board of Transport Commissioners on Tuesday, March 30th. This will bring added revenue of about \$70,000,000 to the two major companies, with perhaps another \$2,000,000 or more distributed among the 21 small railways. Among exemptions from the order are rates on grain and grain products from all points on all lines west of Port Arthur, Fort William and Armstrong, Ont., grain and grain products from a "prairie points" to British Columbia ports for export (export grain rates in the west are fixed by statute), and grain and grain products for domestic consumption between Western Canada points, including feed grains. The rate increases apply generally on grain movements east of the head of the lakes, but the rate parity of Canadian ports with U.S. ports is protected and this may hold down some charges on export grain moving to the east.

propaganda value at the moment, while withholding others that cause us to be less proud than we are inclined to be of our own past and of the record of some of our public men.

Obviously, the way out is to publish all the relevant diplomatic documents of the pre-war period, the war years and perhaps even of the immediate post-war period, and to let us, the public, form our own conclusions.

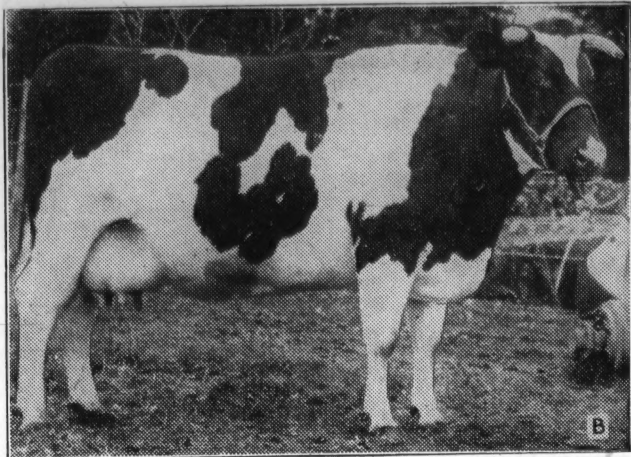
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Incidentally, British farmers before the war produced one-third of Britain's food. As their contribution to the solution of the food problems of Britain and the world, during and since the war, they have made and are making vigorous efforts to raise the figure to two-thirds by 1951.

BLUEPRINT OF DESTINY

By E. S. RUSSENHOLT

In our issue of January 9th we published a portion of a very striking address given by E. S. Russenholt of the Public Relations Branch of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers on the subject of Western Canada's natural resources and their conservation. A further portion of the address is printed below.

While we have suffered from drought, and, by chaotic exploitation, multiplied the disastrous effects of drought, millions of tons of water have flowed off the mountains, across our great plains, and down the Nelson River. Down the Nelson River flows 216 million tons of water per day. That is enough water to produce 5,256 million bushels of wheat, yearly . . . or 3,445 million 1,000-pound steers. We can think of that when the next drought shrivels our crops—and chokes our commerce—and blankets our economy under black blizzards.

Thus on the one hand, shortage of water limits our economy . . . while, on the other hand, vast volumes of water are available. Our problem is to have the water where it is needed . . . when it is needed.

William Pearce's Blueprint

Years ago, William Pearce made a blueprint to show how the streams carrying the melted mountain snows, across the dry plains, could be used to irrigate vast acreages of fertile soil—which, otherwise, must lie waste.

Folks laughed, and asked, "Where is the money coming from?" The truth is: our thinking was still patterned on the single-crop economy—which urged us to get rid of water, as a bad thing. For years, too, we were simply scared stiff at the very bigness of any such plan.

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we had made, and surveyed the erosion and waste resulting from those mistakes. We read the literature of conservation, as it came into being. For the first time, many of us learned how one mighty civilization after another had dominated their span of history: wasted their resources, and, finally, were buried in the graves they made of their own eroded soils.

Yes, those years made us think. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Thus we are shaping a blueprint for conservation of our lands and waters—a blueprint of destiny.

Today many agencies are planning and working on many parts of this overall blueprint . . . aiming to classify our waters and lands, and planning the best use for each type, to hold life-giving water in the land—with grass, trees, beavers, dams and ponds, to grow forest crops to protect the head-waters of our rivers, to use those rivers for irrigation, power and every use the ingenuity of man can devise, to stabilize marshlands and lakes, to harness the eternal power of our rivers with our coal, oil and gas fields, to save our soils from erosion and waste—and reap utmost production from each acre, and—over our entire region—harness all our resources in a "great team" for "the greatest good of the greatest number of our people over the longest time."

Farm Crops Our Basic Industry

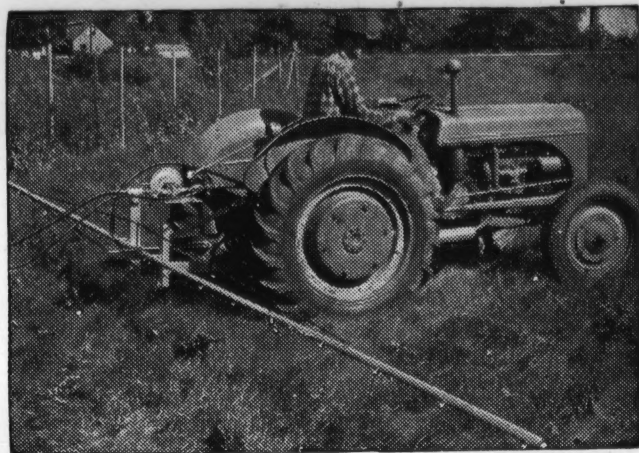
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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Cynical Gus says that what this country needs is not a "new look" but a new outlook.

Easter is over with its bank holiday, but Liz of Lacombe informs us that in these days to have a holiday at all you need to take a bank with you.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH
"Wages go up by the staircase
but prices take the elevator."

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, who has just celebrated her eighteenth birthday for the sixth time, says, she doesn't regret her past but she's simply delighted with her presents.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Absent-minded professor: "Lady, what are you doing in my bed?"

Lady: "Well, I like your bed. I like your neighborhood and I like your house. And furthermore, it's about time you remembered that I'm your wife."

—Thenx to Bob Slym.

Our office cynic says that in these days of labor trouble employers should remember that men's blame spreads wider than their praise.

WELL, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Nan of Nanton: Well, Mary, I suppose you had a lovely visit with your friends in Calgary.

Mary of Carbon: They weren't our friends. They were our kind-folks.

—Thenx to Jerry M., Edmonton

During a shopping tour in Calgary, little Buddy became separated from his mother. Failing to find her, he addressed a gentleman standing nearby:

"Say Mister," he asked, "have you seen a woman walking around here without me?"

—Thenx to Mrs. F. M.

POME

Now father, isn't it the truth,
That this your biggest curse is:
To buy gas for your racing youth,
You now exhaust your purses.

The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says a lot of folks regard truth as a girdle. Yep, sez he, it has two-way stretch.

If you drive a car or truck, you should remember that it pays to be a wise driver, not a wise guy.

And listen, fellows, we picked this up from somewhere and it seems good enough to pass along: "Farmers should not forget that the British wheat market is the most important in the world, that the British will be wheat buyers for generations to come, and that Canada through fair dealing during the present crisis, is likely to obtain the inside track on that vital market."

March may not have come in like a lion, but out at our chicken ranch February certainly went out like a whole blinking menagerie.

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'Cause somewhere from the deep inside, Black smoke had come, the sun to hide

O'er sunny old Leduc. There was a rumble and a roar, And sights that few had seen before,

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Sophie Kravchenko,
Kavanagh, Alta. (16)

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

According to Channing Pollock, too many preachers are good and devout persons who have nothing to say and must say it twice every Sunday.

"I would like to speak to you as a human being and not as a Ministry official."
—British Ministry of Agriculture official.

PUZZLE (For Ye Editor of this Great Family Journal)

Note gentle reader, if he gets six right we won't fire him. What do you think of that, Norman? The Smiths no longer shoe horses or hammer out swords. But what were the occupations of these important British Smiths?

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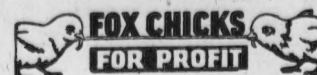
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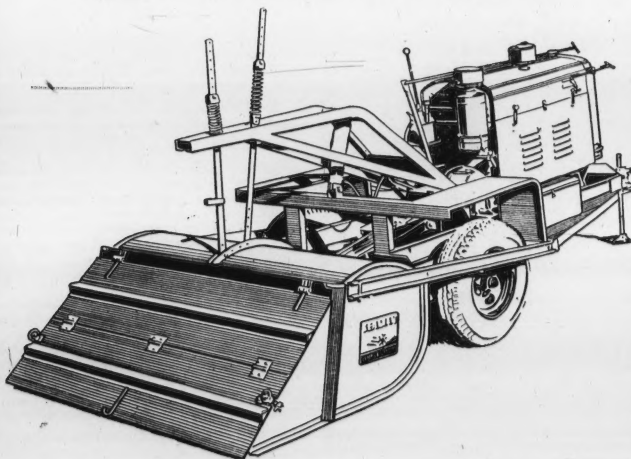
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